

## SHERIFF CORONER-MARSHAL



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## **PRESS RELEASE**

Date/Time of Release:

Date/Time of Occurrence Nature of Event:

Location of Call:

Wednesday, October 19, 2005 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 19, 2005 3 a.m. Couple's Death Investigated as Suspicious

Foresthill Bridge, Auburn

Released by:

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## SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

The Placer County Sheriff's Department is investigating the suspicious circumstances surrounding the deaths of a couple and their dog who were found beneath the 730-feet tall Foresthill Bridge early Wednesday morning.

Around 3 a.m., California Highway Patrol officers found a vehicle parked on the bridge with the emergency lights flashing. Deputies responded and found a ladder leaning against the bridge railing and two strings hanging over the railing. At daylight, two bodies could be seen under the bridge, about 20 yards from the edge of the American River.

Deputies and members of the Sheriff Department's Mountain Rescue Team retrieved the bodies of the husband and wife, along with their dog. The man and woman were both wearing helmets when found.

The identities of both parties are being withheld pending notification of next-of-kin. They are in their mid-forties.